(b) The cost of production of different items of textile is furnished below:—

s. No.	Textile items	Cost of Production (US $/kg of Yarn S.No. 1-3 & US $/Yard of Fabric S.No. 4-10)						USA
		BRAZIL	CHINA	INDIA	ITALY	KOREA	TURKEY	
1.	Ring-Yarn	2.61	2.76	2.45	3.59	2.68	2.85	2.86
2.	O-E Yarn	2.31	2.51	2.17	2.75	2.35	2.48	2.30
3.	Ring/O-E Yarn	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.47	0.29	0.24	0.34
4.	Weaving Woven Ring Yarn Fabric	0.652	0.691	0.663	1.100	0.754	0.738	0.844
5.	Woven O-E Yarn Fabric	0.600	0.647	0.614	0.953	0.696	0.675	0.746
6.	Ring Yarn	0.14	0.08	0.12	0.24	0.12	0.12	0.19
7.	Knitting Knitted Ring Yarn Fabric	1.208	1.209	1.118	1.706	1.222	1.286	1.366
8.	O-E Yarn	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.10
9.	Knitting Knitted O-E Yarn Fabric	0.557	0.570	0.517	0.700	0.588	0.587	0.582
10.	Woven Textured Yarn Fabric	0.548	0.506	0.591	1.091	0.551	0.636	0.920

Schemes for benefit of textile sector

403. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been initiated since the inception of the new Government at the Centre for the benefit of textile sector;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any programme in the offering to help textile sector to face globalization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S, ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has initiated the following schemes for the benefit of textile sector:—

(1)HANDLOOM SECTOR

In the the Handloom Sector, the following schemes have been introduced:

(i) **Integrated Handloom Cluster Development Scheme**

The scheme has been introduced under which it is proposed to develop 20 handloom clusters throughout the country, in an inclusive, holistic, sustainable and self reliant manner.

The handloom clusters to be developed are Chirala, Madhavaram, Bijoinagar, Bhagalpur, Surendranagar, Kullu, Gadag, Thiruvanathapuram, Chanderi/Gwalior, Imphal, Sonepur, Bargarh, Tiruvannamalai, Trichy, Kurinjipadi, Varanasi, Barabanki, Mubarakpur, Burdwan and Nadia.

(ii) **Health Insurance Scheme (HIS)**

The Health Insurance Scheme aims at enabling the weaver community to access the best healthcare facilities in the country, and it covers the weaver, his wife, and two children at a total premium of Rs. 1000/-. The annual coverage/benefits per family will be Rs. 15,000/-, out of which OPD cover will be Rs. 7500/-.

(iii) **Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana (MGBBY)**

The Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana Insurance coverage to handloom weavers in case of natural as well as accidental death. The annual premium under the scheme is Rs. 330/-. Of this, the Government of India's share is Rs. 150/-, the beneficiary's share is Rs. 80/- and the share of LIC isRs. 100/-, per annum. Under this scheme, the sum assured is Rs. 50,000/- for natural death, and Rs. 80,000/- for accidental death.

(2) HANDICRAFTS SECTOR

In the Handicrafts Sector, the following scheme have been introduced:

(i) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Handicrafts Artisans which was being implemented in J&K, was extended to entire country in September, 2005. The scheme facilitates and simplifies access to credit to Handicraft Artisans without any collateral;

(ii) The scheme for work-shed for handicrafts artisans, which was being implemented in J&K, was also extended to entire country in March 2005. The scheme focuses on ensuring improved working conditions with emphasis on a healthy working environment to the handicraft artisans, which will lead to better productivity and enhanced contribution to the national economy.

(iii) In addition to the above, a new component which enables the setting up of a Facility Centre for exporters and entrepreneurs has been incorporated under the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas yojana

(3) EXPORT SECTOR

To provide the industry with world class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, the Scheme for Integrated Textile Park was launched. The Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) and the Apparel Parks for Exports Scheme (APES) were merged to form this scheme. This scheme is based on Public-Private Partnership (PPP), and will equip textile units to meet international environmental and social standards. The Government of India support under the scheme by way of grant or equity shall be limited to 40% of the project cost, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 40 crore.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Accounts (2003-2004) of Employees Provident Fund Organisation and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU: Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Shri K. Chandra Sekhar Rao, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Accounts of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation, New Delhi, for the year 2003-2004, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above [Placed in Library *See* No. LT 3683/06]

MESSAGES FROM LOK LABHA

(i) Nomination to Committee on Public Accounts (ii) Nomination to

(ii) Committee on Public Undertakings

(iii) Nomination to Committee on Welfare of SCs and STs